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## Workers' Compensation Commission

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## Commission to discontinue re-pricing Hospital and Ambulatory Surgery Center medical bills

On June 26, 2006, the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission (SCWCC) approved revisions to its hospital inpatient and outpatient systems by adopting a prospective payment system for hospital inpatient, outpatient and ambulatory surgery center payments. This payment system became effective on October 1, 2006. To facilitate the change to the new payment systems, the Commission offered to price any hospital inpatient, outpatient, or ambulatory surgery center bill at no charge to insurance carriers, self-insured funds or self-insured employers.

Effective August 1, 2009, the Commission will no longer accept these bills for re-pricing. The Commission will continue to conduct administrative reviews for bill disputes pursuant to Regulation 67-1305, the Medical Services Provider Manual, and the Hospital and Ambulatory Surgery Center Payment Manual.

The 2006 Hospital and Ambulatory Surgery Center Payment Manual is available on the SCWCC web site at <a href="www.wcc.sc.gov">www.wcc.sc.gov</a>. The Medical Services Provider Manual is available for purchase from the Medical Services Division for \$63.60.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Medical Services Division at WCC-Medical@wcc.sc.gov or 803-737-5743.